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From the President:

As I start the writing of what will be the first of four messages to the members of M.L.A. during my term of office, I am still thinking of the very recently concluded 66th annual conference in Detroit, and of its many fine speakers and other interesting features. Certainly all credit is due to the local committee for a smooth running conference, and to all those who were involved in the program planning for the many excellent presentations.

I was impressed, as I have been so frequently in the past, by the vigor and enthusiasm which was so obvious during the Conference. For example, a number of committees held meetings for the purpose of laying plans for the coming year. To mention a few which came to my attention: The Planning Committee, in conjunction with the Public Relations Committee and the Consultant Division of the State Library already had plans laid for pushing state-wide study of the new A.L.A. Standards through area demonstrations, with the help of representatives from other M.L.A. committees, sections and districts; The Intellectual Freedom Committee laid plans for sponsoring of a program at next year's conference in Grand Rapids on some such topic as selection versus censorship in library book selection; The Legislative Committee revealed a new system of Communications Centers throughout the state for the facilitating of quick action on the part of librarians and trustees when legislative affairs demand it.



Speaking of legislative affairs,—every indication is that the coming year will be fully as difficult a one financially for state agencies and those dependent on state appropriations as was the past year. If State Aid is to be maintained at its present level, or better still increased to provide basic aid of ten cents per capita (for the year just past it figured out at about five and one-half cents!), every librarian and trustee must get across to his legislator the needs of his library and of the libraries in general. It seems quite certain that attempts will be made again in the Legislature to divert some or all of the penal fine monies from libraries. So far we have been able to prevent this. Let us not relax our vigilance!

December 6 is the date of the annual Council meeting, when the theme for the year is selected, and association activities are planned and coordinated. Because of its value last year, an extra day is being offered again during which District Librarian and Trustee officers will be given help in planning the spring District meetings.

All libraries in the state will have an unparalleled opportunity to bring libraries, books, and reading to the attention of the public next March 22 to 26, when National Library Week is observed. Many of us heard Mr. Dan Lacy of the National Book Committee, which is promoting this observance, describe activities to date, at the Detroit Conference. Promotional material is being produced and will be available shortly for local libraries. A state-wide committee of librarians, with the president as chairman, has been appointed to coordinate activities and bring about the selection of an overall citizens' committee for the week. Watch library periodicals for further information and suggestions.

In this issue of the *Michigan Librarian* is a complete directory of officers, and Committee, Section, and District chairmen. I urge that you make suggestions for the improvement of the association to any of the Executive Board members, or to the chairmen of appropriate Committees, Sections, or Districts. Only in this way will we have an alive, growing, and effective organization.

Clifford B. Wightman.

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President's Report—1957

Clover Flanders

An Annual Report gives an Association a chance to look at its program with a critical eye and assess its needs for the coming years. This I have attempted to do by reviewing the activities of the Executive Board and by setting forth a few of the problems that seem most pressing at the end of this Association year.

You may recall Bill Chait's formula for the perfect annual report: Point with pride, view with alarm, and ask for more money. Well, this was the year the Association asked for more State Aid. This was a bad year to ask and we can probably consider ourselves lucky to salvage enough funds to allow the formula in the State Aid Bill to be followed and to qualify for the Federal Grant. Your Legislative Committee worked hard and they tell me that we can point with pride to the great numbers of you who really do put a shoulder to the wheel when help is needed. The Committee warns us that the situation will be about the same legislatively this next year. The Committee will again need the help of all members, both as letter writers and as button holers of State Legislators when they are in home territory. This will be your opportunity to point with pride, view with alarm and ask for more money. You can't begin too soon, since *now* while the Legislators are at home is the ideal time to show them what you are offering in the way of library service and what you need to support these services in the face of the growth and change that is challenging us all.

Once again the Executive Board considered the time-consuming job of the Legislative Committee and once again decided to look about for some professional help. This search is still in process. In the meantime, our Executive Secretary will do some pinch-hitting helping with the Legislative Committee much as she does with the Membership Committee. I tell you this not because it will allow you to lessen your activities, but simply to emphasize once again that the Legislative program in Michigan is an important part of our Association activities and takes a lot of time and energy.

The plan of last year to issue a legislative manual with practical suggestions

to the membership on how best to go about the important job of reaching our legislators is finally nearing completion and should be in your hands soon. Since the Association will need your assistance in making its influence felt in Lansing, we hope you will find this publication helpful and use it often.

During the year a special committee to search out the policies pronounced by the Executive Board over the last 10 years finished its work. Each officer has been provided with a folder and provision has been made to keep the policy statement up to date.

The Association, mindful of the announced increasingly important role assigned to Chapters in the ALA reorganization, has taken an active interest in National Library affairs. But the Executive Board has pointed out that the new ALA Constitution is rigid in its regulations concerning representation, making it impossible for MLA to be represented if our Councilor cannot be present. The Association has recommended a change. This has been referred to an ALA Council committee and a report will be made at the 1958 Midwinter meeting. Michigan will watch this development with interest. Our ALA Councilor meets regularly with the Executive Board and carries its thinking to ALA. Arrangements are being made for regular reports to the Membership through the pages of the MICHIGAN LIBRARIAN.

You may remember that the Library-Community Project provided a workshop on adult education methods held the day after Council meeting in December last year. This proved most helpful to the District Chairmen in planning their programs and the Executive Board is pleased to set aside the necessary funds to hold another such session this year. The Adult Education Section will probably help with the program again.

During the year the Association had an invitation to join a neighboring state for an annual conference. The Executive Board asked advice and pondered and finally made a negative decision. The Board feels, however, that the membership may have some ideas about this matter. If any of you do feel strongly that multistate conferences

should be attempted, will you let the Executive Board know so that the next invitation can be handled in accordance with your wishes.

The Association is cooperating with other library and educational associations by holding memberships, by sending delegates to meetings and by working on joint committees. We anticipate that this cooperation will be helpful when National Library Week rolls around and we turn to non-library groups to help us in this celebration.

Indeed the members of the Association need to be alert to all means of cooperating with groups interested in library services. The Program of the Junior Chamber of Commerce—Operation Library—offers a golden opportunity to the local librarian to work with a group of lively young businessmen. National Library Week to be celebrated early next year brings an intensive campaign in the press and on radio and TV which each of us should put to full use in our plans to spread the story of library service. Each year the General Federation of Womens Clubs dedicates the month of November as "Know Your Library Month." The Librarian of every town with a woman's club has a golden opportunity here.

We have several things to work on to broaden our horizons. Perhaps foremost are the Library Standards with their emphasis on service in larger and more efficient units. These need study and, since they are in a different form from the previous ones, we need to help interpret them to Boards of Trustees, to Taxing units, and even to Librarians. The Association, as the largest professional library group in the State has an obligation to encourage and promote this study.

The Library Services Act is now getting into high gear. Several projects are planned for Michigan. It will be a measure of our ingenuity to so plan and carry out these projects that at the end of the 5 year period the 940,000 folks in Michigan now without are getting library service—good library service. We must be at pains to find ways to demonstrate what Library Service means in a free country dedicated to democratic ideals.

And we have a problem here in Michigan which is common to every state in the Union. We are faced with a shortage of trained personnel to man our staffs. The Executive Board has

been pleased this year to approve 3 loans for prospective librarians to finish their training. While this was encouraging, after several years of inactivity in the loan fund, it is hardly a dent in the face of a shortage of 10,000. Our State and National recruiting committees have been very active, but let me remind you again that recruiting is something each of us must and can do since it is a personal thing done best by word of mouth and personal example.

The 1958 vote on a revision of the State Constitution should not find us without an Association stand on the penal fine provisions. Penal fines have come to libraries in all 3 previous revisions of the Constitution. Is the Association willing to fight for this provision or should other means of library support be sought? A Committee of the State Board for Libraries and our Association Committee to Study State Library Laws will start work on this matter at once.

The Constitutional revision may also bring out once again the idea of combining administrative boards and governmental units. I think we must be prepared to present again our firm belief in a State Library Board to administer a State Library separate from the State Department of Public Instruction.

The matter of suitable and adequate quarters for the State Library is still to be settled.

While our membership stands at an all time high of 1622, we should not lessen our efforts to increase the membership in the Association. We need to increase the number of people who take an active part in professional matters. We even need to increase the numbers of members who vote in the annual election of officers. You may be interested to know that only 603 of the members bothered to vote. The Executive Board would welcome more direction from the membership during the year. Arm yourself with some 24 postals and send along your ideas on library matters.

We need to attract more trustees into the Association. The Trustee Section tells me that they look to the profession for leadership and to point out the ways in which they can interpret the Library and its program to the community. We need to let the trustees know that they are a vital link with the general public and have an important public relations job to do. The Trustee Section can be

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especially effective in our Legislative program. Let each of us make it a point to let our Boards know this.

And finally, we need to seek ways to minimize the functions and services that tend to divide us and to find ways to

emphasize and encourage those aspects of our professional work which will allow us to cooperate in our efforts to serve our public—young or adult, school or public, tax-supported college or private school.

Conference Highlights

Katharine M. Stokes

The Detroit Leland, a new setting for MLA after years at the Statler, proved very pleasant. The employees were cordial and prompt, the food much better than is usual at conferences, the rooms reasonably priced, and when there was a free moment for shopping there was no difficulty about getting back—you could see the sign on the top of the hotel from wherever you turned to look!

Though the setting was strange, the spirit was familiar, for there was Ethel Yabroff as Conference Chairman, smoothing the way for President Clover out of her own experience as president two years ago. The registration was the largest for at least five years, — 708 at noon Saturday.

Notable differences this year were more general sessions sponsored by sections, the omission of the usual first night reception, a minimum of arranged meals and the opening of the exhibits set for 1:00 p.m. instead of 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, with the closing hour 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, at least. The exhibitors were generous in their entertainment as always, but it must have been a relief not to have to come in a day early and to have one evening free before 9:00. The Wagenvoort orchids were spaced to last right up to Saturday noon, the ampersand in S & S proved a genial addition to our old friend of *Collier's Encyclopedia*, and one exhibitor was so anxious to square himself for a meeting date he'd missed that he called the librarian involved at 2:30 a.m.!

The First General Session was given to the consideration of streamlining cataloging. Bob Orr's warning that the price of cataloging was approaching the price of the book was offset by the reminder of Josephine Smith that the use to which a book was to be put should be of more importance than its price as a determining factor in how much its cataloging could reasonably cost. And from the floor Margaret Ayrault of the

University of Michigan asked the significant question, "What is cataloging?" Just a routine process or a scholarly pursuit?

Wednesday evening Philadelphia's Emerson Greenaway recommended that Michigan plan cooperatively for four large research centers. Thursday morning Detroit's Ralph Ulveling, moderating a panel on reference services, gave the startling figure of six billion spent for research in 1956, in contrast to 2½ million in 1936, and pointed out that 10% could be saved on a research project by careful library investigation as a preliminary measure.

Leland Stowe, making a second appearance before MLA in recent years, warned us "U. S. ostrichians" to get our heads out of the sand and catch up to Russia in our scientific efforts. "It ain't going to last, brothers and sisters," he intoned, condemning our too smug, too fat way of living.

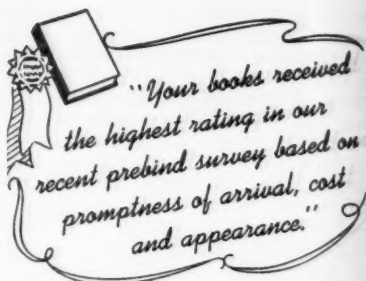
The Friday morning business meeting gave everyone who didn't already know her a chance to become aware of the fine Legislative Chairman we've had this year in Carol Thomas. Her plans for a network of letter writers and telegram senders to be activated over the state at the hint of a legislative whisper are passing into the able hands of one of her committee members, Liesa von Oettingen of the D.P.L., who becomes the new chairman for 1958. Much of the morning was given to Dr. Purdy's Committee's "fancy whereases", to quote our witty Clover! In spite of the worthy efforts of a parliamentary expert to keep us on the right track, the eight resolutions were handled most expeditiously, leaving time for Helen Warner's constitutional revision committee to present its deletions and additions. All went well until the one saved until last—the one about a possible single slate for candidates. The motion to adopt that suggested change was lost—only the defeated candidates

would vote against a double slate, along with a few past Nominating Committee members!

The very successful College Section meeting Friday afternoon on book selection and acquisition attracted many people from public libraries besides its own members. Its announcement had prompted the calling of a four o'clock follow-up meeting by Hazel DeMeyer, the Western Michigan University Order Librarian, of college librarians who were having problems with jobber services. The articulate group that gathered came up with a motion to petition the College Section to create a committee in this area to insure the implementation of some of the suggestions for improvement of these problems that are nationwide, rather than Michigan's alone.

The architect speaking at the Friday evening meeting, Alden Dow, reversed the usual pattern of librarians' thinking by asserting that the library should be located in a spot well removed from the maddening crowd so that it can become a cultural oasis rather than just a neighbor of the supermarket. The conference evaluation panel that completed the evening's program jumped the gun a bit to have the audience fill out the questionnaires meant to be left at the registration desk Saturday noon, feeling that anything they would say Friday would be much less helpful to next year's program planners than would a report on the replies to the questionnaire — so they got the birds in hand rather than trust those absent-minded ones in the bush of Saturday morning's hasty exits.

Miss Rutzen set the tone for her panel on cooperation Saturday by telling the story about the two people, one of whom cooed while the other operated. Very heartening reports were given by the panel, and from the floor, of joint efforts all over the state in many different kinds of libraries. So the last day ended, echoing the first, on the note of cooperation, probably the only way we can successfully meet the future of the conference theme: Growth and Change — The Challenge.



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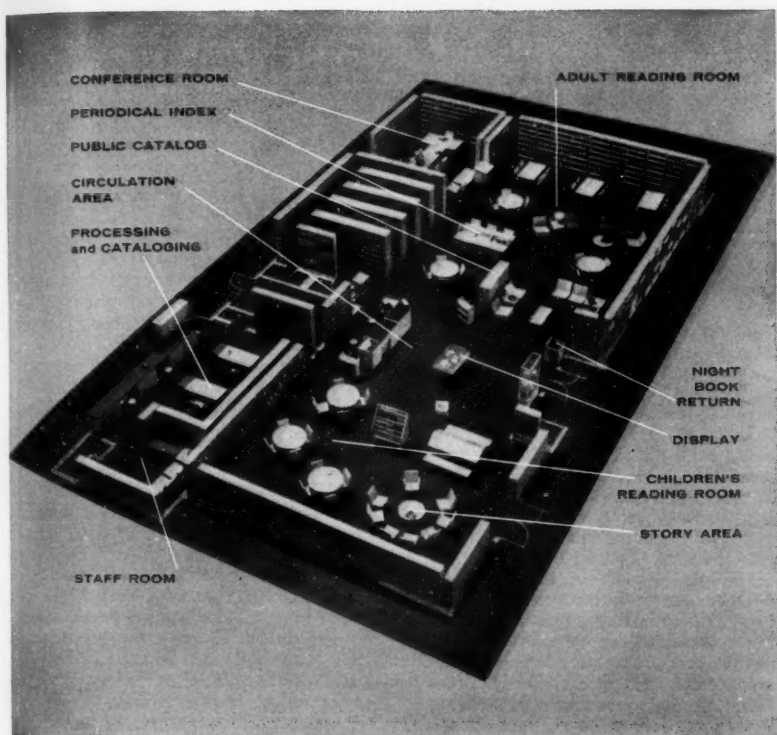
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Conference Review

Adult Education

Chairman Wallace J. Bonk presided at the meeting of the Adult Education Section. Prior to the Section's speaker, there was a brief business meeting. The report of the Liaison Committee was read by its chairman, Patrick Pendland. Favorable action was taken on the Liaison Committee's recommendation that the Adult Education Section combine with the Adult Education Association of Michigan for their spring meeting.

Speaker at the Section meeting was Muriel Fuller who reported on the Library-Community Project—Activities in Muskegon. In reviewing the Project's activities, Miss Fuller explained that the purpose of the project was to work out a plan for assisting libraries in developing adult education projects. The following assumptions were stated: (1) that the library is an adult education institution, and (2) that adult education policies of a library do not belong just to the head librarian or to any particular adult education person on the staff, but should permeate the whole library program including children's work. In developing adult education projects, the most important thing for a library's adult education progress is to have a staff with a positive "attitude" toward adult education.

Briefly, Miss Fuller mentioned the Haven Hill Conference on Training Needs of Librarians in Adult Education, which was held October 14 and 15, and to which were invited librarians from towns of 25,000 population and over.

Both the Muskegon study and the Haven Hill Conference were made possible by the Library-Community Project. The Project has given Michigan librarians a chance to think about this opportunity—adult education—of service. More complete reports on the Muskegon activities and on the Haven Hill Conference will be prepared for all and made available in printed form.

Following Miss Fuller's talk, Mr. Bonk presented the summary of the reports of the Section's Advisory Committees. The audience divided into smaller groups to discuss these reports and to select the recommendations preferred for future activities. Results of these discussions showed that (1) there

should be wider dissemination by the Section of information in adult education techniques; (2) there should be more active involvement of the Section's membership during the year; (3) a spring meeting (with AEA-M) should regularly be held by the Section.

Elizabeth Drake

Alex Gilpin

Mr. Gilpin spoke to the County and Regional Library Section members on the various uses of county histories.

They are, of course, a great help to biographers and to the many people interested in genealogy.

Travelers and vacationers frequently are interested in some place, or event, which is described only in county histories. Further, the visits of notable people—often people who became famous later in life—are recorded in county histories.

Mr. Gilpin feels that as our population grows, people will come to feel a closer affiliation with their origins and so there may be increased need for county histories.

Most of the volumes we now have, he said, were written during the years 1880-1910. There is still a strong tendency for families to keep these books at home. Librarians should, he felt, make a real effort to get these volumes from the owners so that they are not thrown out.

Mr. Gilpin advised libraries to do more trading of county histories—some that are valuable in other areas should not be discarded.

He closed his speech with a mention of Microfilming. If several libraries in different counties would get together on such a project the expense should not be too great.

Carol Thomas

An Administrator Looks at Cataloging

Robert Orr, the Librarian at Grosse Pointe, was introduced by Mrs. Helen Finster of that Library. Mr. Orr began the meeting by stating the purpose of cataloging: to serve the public by making library materials easily accessible. He then discussed the mounting costs of processing which at times exceed the original cost of the book.

To simplify processes and reduce costs, he suggested:

1. The elimination of accession and cutter numbers.
2. Simplification in cataloging of E. books, mysteries, and Westerns.
3. Installation of labor saving equipment, including machines that can duplicate book cards, etc.
4. Package purchase of cataloged books.
5. Co-operative purchase and cataloging.

Mrs. Finster then introduced Miss Josephine Smith, Fordson High School Librarian (Dearborn). She also agreed that streamlining cataloging is desirable so that it will be more efficient for the public's use.

However, Miss Smith questioned the concentration on just cataloging costs. Processing of everything is expensive, so why should cataloging be singled out? The office machines used in speeding up card processing are expensive in themselves.

Miss Smith favored the use of popularized subject headings in the catalog and emphasized the importance of cross-references. In school libraries, she said, nothing should be eliminated from the card catalog that will diminish its usefulness as a teaching tool.

A discussion period followed.

Mrs. Estelle Killinger

Emerson Greenaway — Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan

Mr. Emerson Greenaway, Librarian, Philadelphia Free Library, spoke on "The Challenge of Library Service in 1957". He predicted how different the world of tomorrow will really be. That as librarians, we must take a bold look forward into the future. We must plan our activities for the future and unite behind a total program that will be successful. We must study the needs of the state and nation and apply our findings at the local level. In the years ahead the population changes will be almost unbelievable; local political boundaries will become more and more meaningless, and the library supermarkets of the future must fit into this pattern and be located in major shopping areas. To accomplish our aims alert leadership will be needed at the State level, an extensive educational program will be needed to gain support for our plans and a dynamic recruiting program must be carried on to

insure an adequate number of qualified librarians. People have the right to read and should have adequate resources to make decisions and for self-improvement. In this country the public libraries in the large cities have been most successful—formally organized into one system. For the future all library planning must be done with other facilities of the community in mind from the farmer to the business man. Mr. Greenaway proposed a system of libraries on a state-wide basis as the answer for tomorrow, not yesterday or today. His plan included location of three or four major resource centers in the state, plus a number of regional centers and a number of community libraries. Under such a coordinated system, graduated-sized libraries from bookmobiles, community libraries, regional libraries and finally large main resource centers would borrow from one another. If we do not plan for the future as is being done in other fields, public library service will be written off in the history books as a noble experiment between the years 1833 and 2000.

Mrs. Loleta Fyan, the State Librarian, also talked in terms of the social and economic changes in Michigan, conditions in all walks of life that will greatly affect library planning in the state. The great concentration of population in the lower third of the state is brought out with new emphasis in a recent report, *Inter-Urbia*, a Yale University study made for the J. Walter Thompson Company. Mrs. Fyan stressed the need for regionalization of service within a system of libraries. The use of the Federal Funds under Federal Aid to Rural Libraries was outlined. A state-wide survey is now underway at the State Library, and stimulation projects will be started as a part of the program. Members were encouraged to make suggestions to help make the first step a successful one. Finally, Mrs. Fyan reviewed the activities of the State Library during the past year, and urged the members to think and plan in terms of the new library standards.

Francis Scannell

Symposium on Reference Services

The Symposium on the Growth and Development of Reference Services in Public, University, and Special Librar-

ies had representation from four giants in the Michigan fields: giant industry, giant labor, giant public libraries, and giant university libraries.

Dr. Ralph A. Ulveling, moderator, presented statistics of the tremendous growth of research along with the vast dissemination of information in the fields, all of which poses new situations for libraries. The industries with the largest libraries use also the public libraries. The moderator reminded the audience that the information and theories should be adapted to particular and less giant situations.

John M. Campbell, Scientific Director, Research Staff of General Motors pointed out that industry has its own particular situations, and concluded that there could be a savings of 10% to research if good library facilities were obtained and used. Mr. Eugene Jackson of the General Motors library of research told that in and translated from the Russian language alone the library subscribes to more than 700 technical periodicals. He said further that their GM library borrows five times as much materials as they loan to other GM libraries.

Mr. Woodrow L. Ginsberg, Director

of the research Department of UAW-CIO, told of the impact of research on civilian and defense bases. Particular areas in management and labor needing distribution of information are

1. Expanding standards of living.
2. Health and welfare.
3. Pensions, protection.
4. Safety.

The relationship between libraries and trade union movement is a two way street. Mr. Ginsberg suggested that Union leaders should know library services, and librarians should meet with labor union leaders to discuss common needs.

Union men might be interested in information on tariffs, regulations of entries to this country, exports and imports, effects of radiation, etc. And there is a particular need for newspapers, periodicals of all kinds, and especially government statistics.

Mr. Robert Runser, Chief of Technology Department, Detroit Public Library, agreed with the moderator that the amount of technical and other materials is so vast that it is getting out of hand. We must recognize that the United States government is the largest and most important publisher of tech-

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nical materials however difficult these documents are to handle in libraries.

Mr. Rumser mentioned the many committees, conferences, and international meets in research, the subsequent written reports following these conferences, and he added "like sputnik it is over our heads". Further, he threw out the question, "Is it necessary?"

Dr. Frederick H. Wagman, Director of University Library, University of Michigan, mentioned the need for extra space for these technical materials, and the fact that while the university tries to have a centralized library, the fields are not easily divided and there are separate law, medical, physics, mathematics libraries. Too, the earth sciences will increase rather than decrease.

A discussion, with audience participation, concerning cooperation between libraries in various cities followed, and the importance of inter-library loan.

The work of Western Reserve University under Dean Shera of the sorting of materials gives hope to the complex situation.

Dr. Ulveling concluded that the acquisition of materials must be seen in a larger view.

As Mr. Greenaway suggested at the 2nd general evening session, we may need to develop 2, 3 or 4 large reference research centers for the State. The result, as with all library service, must grow out of the people's need.

Political boundaries no longer hold, there must develop a larger conception of regionalized libraries.

Madge R. Doty

Leland Stowe

At the Conference Banquet, Leland Stowe, foreign correspondent, author, at present on the faculty of the University of Michigan School of Journalism, spoke to librarians on "*An Up-to-Date Assessment of Our Changing, Divided World*." He indicated that so much has happened in the world since his theme was chosen that his special emphasis would be devoted to Challenge and Change: USSR and USA.

He pointed immediately to the ground which we have lost in this dual battle, by smugness, overconfidence and lack of imagination. Soon after Hiroshima and the A-Bomb, scientists predicted the Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile, yet through the failure of our

Joint Chiefs of Staff to agree on a unified plan, we now have allowed Russia to get ahead of us in the missile field. He indicted us very heavily in our failure to push forward continuously in the fields of scientific research, which in 1945 General Marshall emphasized as our only chance for peace. Scientific suicide faces the United States unless we do more in the field of science and do it fast—in fact, we face a serious threat to our own safety.

Our government has been reckless and shortsighted in its policies. To point up this statement, he said that we have sent some of our most promising young men into military service, and thus lost their potential abilities. He observed that the American Institute of Physics has said "the seed corn of scientific progress was ground up to make a day's feed for war machines," and thus they were lost to the world of science.

Again Dr. Vannevar Bush, who headed the Office of Scientific Research and Development, during World War II, remarked that during the war we were accumulating a deficit of at least 150,000 men, who would have had BS degrees, a loss which will be very serious to all of us in our postwar period. His prophetic words now take on more serious meaning when the Soviets are moving very fast toward out-distancing us in all the technical fields.

In developing his theme Mr. Stowe used two interesting manufactured words, *Sovplotnik*, for Russia, which is moving rapidly to gain her objectives, versus *USOstrichia*, for the United States, which is not facing up to their rapid scientific advancement and technologic gains, thus like the ostrich is burying its head in the sand! He gave several points to substantiate these premises.

Recent Ostrichisms: In July, 1957, our officials said that the Soviets were substantially behind us, with the ICBM in its very early stages. The August *Fortune Magazine* published an article on *America's Widening Military Margin*, which stated that behind the disarmament talks lies the fact that technological competition with the U.S. is proving too much for the U.S.S.R., and discussed the weapons that gave the U.S. its advantage. In a September press conference Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson said that he had no

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hesitation in saying that we had been outdistancing the Soviet Union in military power since 1953, which included the missiles field.

In an article by Edward L. Katzenbach, Jr., appearing in an October, 1957 issue of *The Reporter*, he discussed the 1954 annual May Day air show in Moscow, when the Soviets produced an intercontinental jet bomber two whole years ahead of our estimate of their schedule. So it appeared that they designed, developed in quantity, and were able to fly their strategic bomber within a five-year period. Then he went on to discuss a study of our B-52's, the great jet bomber of our own Air Force, which was begun in June, 1946, but was *not* completed until March, 1954, only 45 days before the Russian Bison was displayed. It had taken us 7 years and 9 months, a difference of almost 3 years in lead time. He pointed to this as downright terrifying, with the further comment that apparently our missile program has suffered a similar fate to that of the B-52.

Sovplotnikisms: There are at least six areas in which the U.S.S.R. leads over the U.S., the Earth Satellite, ICBM, Jet Fighters, Passenger Jet, World's Largest Super-Cyclotron, and Greater Electric Power. Edward Teller, one of

the physicists concerned with the planning of the atomic bomb, predicts that in 10 years from now all the best scientists in the world will be found in Russia. Mr. Stowe strengthened all this with the comment, "I'm not saying that this will happen *unless* we do this or that. I'm simply saying, it is going to happen!"

Then we have his analysis of just what we are up against. He pointed especially toward grave deficiencies in the areas of scientists, engineers, and those in general scientific fields. As an example, in 1950 there were 28,000 Soviet engineers, but in 1955 there were 63,000, while in the same period the U.S. graduates in this field dropped from 52,000 to 23,000. He topped these appalling statistics with Khrushchev's recent remark that Communism will win the world!

Mr. Stowe further stated that in 1956 Russia had 33 specialized universities, 180 engineering institutes, and in their vocational universities tuition is free. In the high schools 40-50% of the courses are devoted to the fields of science and technology. Here are some of the facts concerning schools in the United States. Since 1951 the number of qualified mathematics and science teachers dropped 53%, and recent sur-

veys show that over 50% of our schools do not teach Chemistry or Physics, with more than 400,000 pupils taught mathematics and science by unqualified teachers! In 1945, Dr. Bush warned that higher education in our country is largely for young people in "better-off" families. He deplored this tremendous waste of our nation's greatest resource. Here no great incentive is given to our high school students to go forward with their education, while in Russia they *must* continue. He mentioned also our National Science Foundation, which now offers 24,000 undergraduate scholarships, and 900 graduate fellowships — a good start, but just "a drop in the bucket" to what we should be doing. He posed two challenging questions. Can we hope to equal the U.S.S.R. in science and key production by 1967, or 1973? What will Red China's industrial strength be, since this is increasing daily? His answer was that there would be one positive certainty, in the last quarter of this century, the U.S. alone will be radically inferior to these red giants in productive power, if our *Ostrichism* continues much longer, for there will be competition from now on, such as Americans have never known, or have ever dreamed possible.

To meet the Soviet-Red Bloc challenge and competition, we must give serious intelligent thought to the problem, and above all we must have informed, courageous leadership. We must spend more for research, for higher education, for defense, for Point-Four aid, year after year. Obviously we must expect that our living standards may have to come down, and be prepared to accept this change in our lives, if necessary. In support of this he quoted John R. Dunning, Dean of Columbia University's School of Engineering, who recently said "to counter the threat of a vastly more powerful Russia, we must divert more national income . . . the sacrificing of human values or the liberal way of thinking, and possibly a lowering of our standard of living, as this may ultimately be the only way to combat Soviet progress."

However, *right now there is another way*. Spending billions for education is a *must*, but along with this top priority should be given to pooling American and British science research as super-

urgent. In fact he mentioned that President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan were meeting the day of our banquet to discuss this very issue. Then he underlined the vital need of informing all *USOstrichians* through every media possible, through our scientists, the press, library displays of selected books, and all other forms of publicity which we possess. He emphasized that we *must* measure up to a gigantic public education job!

In conclusion, Mr. Stowe said that he was not desirous of painting a grim picture, but he had to give us facts as they are, since neither our people nor our leaders have been acting responsibly. However he is sure that when we realize exactly what we face, we are capable of meeting the challenge. He quoted J. Donald Adams, editorial writer for the *New York Times*, who said in 1950, "The remaining half of this century will no doubt decide the future of the human race." To which Mr. Stowe adds his final comment, "It certainly will!"

Dorothy T. Hagerman

Trustee

Following the Trustees Luncheon, the annual meeting of the Trustees Section of the Michigan Library Association was called to order by the chairman, Mrs. Chester Hoffman. There were introductions and a standing roll call of the 56 trustees and guests in attendance.

Among the guests present was Mr. Clifford Wightman, President-Elect of M.L.A. who greeted the trustees briefly and spoke of the pleasure he anticipated in working with them. Mrs. Dorothy McAllister of the State Board for Libraries spoke on the responsibility of trustees for interpreting to their communities the place of the library, its opportunities for service and its problems. The State Board in its awareness of the need for greater library service has appointed a state publicist who among other activities will promote "citizens committees" to assist in obtaining support for proper financing of libraries, for more adequate service in libraries locally, and for promoting adult education through libraries. Mrs. Mary Mitchell was introduced as Coordinator of Sections. She represents all sections on the MLA Executive Board, and spoke of her willingness to

help trustees with their problems. Mr. Kenneth Blass, trustee member of the MLA membership committee, spoke for the committee in the absence of its chairman, Miss Suzanne Souder. The committee has ambitious plans for increasing membership in M.L.A. and will provide speakers to promote interest in libraries. Mrs. Loleta Fyan, State Librarian, reviewed briefly earlier Conference meetings and this year's theme: **GROWTH AND CHANGE — THE CHALLENGE**. She noted that the job is big, essential, more worthwhile, will require harder work and more trustees in MLA to accomplish what needs to be done. Mrs. Noonan was introduced and stressed the need for area meetings.

The annual report of the Secretary was read and ordered placed on file.

The annual report of the Trustee Section Chairman was read and placed on file. She referred the trustees to her report on the ALA conference in Kansas City, Mo. last June, as it was published in the October issue of **THE MICHIGAN LIBRARIAN**.

Miss Carol Thomas, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, spoke on the legislative program. She said that trustees can make requests to government officials and appropriations authorities that professional personnel cannot make. The committee will be interested in keeping appropriations up to standards already set, in keeping penal fines for libraries and in combating censorship. A manual on the legislative program is to be published this fall and will be distributed to trustees. It should be studied by them so that they can present the urgent need for funds to serve with books a growing population. Trustees should inform themselves so that they can talk to legislators on the library program and should make an effort to do so as the opportunity is presented. Trustees also should respond to the letters from the legislative committee when they appeal for help.

Mr. Cummings was asked to speak on the question of librarians' retirement pay. He said that in his library the problem of paying an active librarian's salary, while paying the retired librarian's pension for an estimated 22 years out of the current budget presents a pressing problem locally. He could not give the solution, but suggested the entire question of retirement as one that trustees should undertake to study.

Mr. Clax Helms, Allegan Librarian

who attended the Ohio meeting on new ALA standards for libraries on October 11, 1957, said that the Planning Committee is asking the Adult Education Section, the Trustees Section, the Public Relations Section, and the District Officers to form a core committee to promote the new standards in Michigan Libraries.

The afternoon program followed and the Reverend Charles MacKenzie, minister of the First Methodist Church of Mt. Pleasant, Trustee of the Mt. Pleasant Veterans Memorial Library, and Trustee Chairman of District V, MLA spoke on *A Trustee's Responsibility in Personnel Problems*. He mentioned their responsibility for material and physical equipment in the library, and their responsibility for meeting the people's needs through books. He defined a "board" as long, narrow, wooden and then quipped that it can be humanized. Library boards should realize that other library boards are working on the same or similar problems. This should make for solidarity and **THE MICHIGAN LIBRARIAN** can be one means of achieving it. He stressed the excitement and adventure of dealing with people in the community and on the staff.

He spoke of the trustees' responsibility to the library staff in promoting pensions, better working conditions, and better salaries where warranted. The staff and the trustees working together have a responsibility for wider service to library patrons—from adults to children. He put the question—"Do they feel that they belong to your library, or do they merely take out books?"

He closed the talk by mentioning the responsibility of the trustees to whatever body appropriates funds, to the people in outlying districts to whom their trading center is also their library center, and even farther afield a responsibility for knowing congressional and legislative members and a readiness at all times to interpret to them the program of the library for which the trustee is responsible.

It was a stimulating, scintillating talk much enjoyed by fellow trustees and their guests.

Dorothy Davis

Story Telling Festival

The Story Telling Festival dramatized the United Nations week emphasis for the conference. Mrs. Winnifred Crossley who set the mood for both

sessions, reminded the listeners that second only to music, which presents no language barrier, the folk tale is the most universally shared aspect of our cultures. It was appropriate that the first tale should be one of Hans Christian Anderson's, as his work has been translated into more languages than any other. Miss Jane Steltenpohl gave a distinguished reading of the *Tinder Box*. This is the product of the imagination of a genius who had insight into the enchanted realms and the finest literary style.

In contrast, Miss Eleanor Burgess gave *Great-Grandfather in the Honey Tree*. This is an earthy rollicking tale of a great hunter and wilderness provider, which has an element of humor and constant surprise at the exaggerated quantities of game captured in strange ways by a man with one load for his gun. During the telling, the spirit of the pioneers who have retold this tall tale around their fires in good comradeship, in hard times and good—lived again in the minds of the listeners.

Concluding the first program, Miss Radia Spoelhof of Grand Rapids brought to the festival the masterpiece

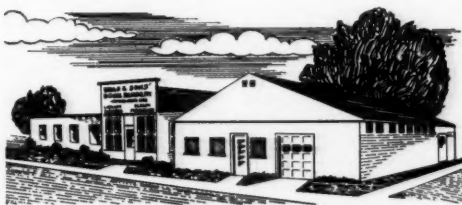
of a writer who absorbed the influences of India and England and produced world magic, in her reading of *The Elephant's Child*. Her faithfulness in repeating Kipling's many enchanting descriptive phrases was thoroughly appreciated by those who have kept on reading Just So Stories from their childhood, as the wonder at the whole tale grew in their minds.

The second session proved that storytelling puts a sense of compulsion on practicers of the art. When two of the announced story tellers were unable to appear because of illness, three others were found to take their places with only a few hours' notice. Miss Alice Stevens of Kalamazoo put the spirit of the independent and ambitious peoples in revolt against unfair overlords into her telling of "The Little Rooster and the Turkish Sultan" from the book entitled *The Good Master*, by Kate Seredy.

Mrs. Mary Ann Stevenson, presently of the University Elementary School, Ann Arbor, but a Kentuckian by birth and citizenship, transported her audience to a southern mountain fireside in her animated telling of Jack and the Bean Tree, from the *Jack Tales*, by Richard

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Chase. Part of the charm of this tale for adults is caused by the difference between the English version and its pioneer American descendent, but its theme of courage and wit overcoming great size is always relished for itself.

As announced in the program, Mrs. Mabel Murata who was born in Hawaii and is the daughter of parents born in Japan, now an American librarian at the Melvindale Branch of the Wayne County Library, shared a favorite story often heard in her childhood. It is called *Momotara*, or the peach boy and is part of the celebration of Boy's Day in Japan when every house flies as many fish kites as it has sons within. The quiet charm of the Orient pervaded the room during the quiet recounting of the wonderful adventures of the boy who emerged from a peach to bring comfort and happiness to the aged couple who adopted him.

The session was brought to a close by Catherine Butson who substituted the English tale *Tom-Tit-Tot* for the Irish story planned by the committee. Her telling of it had the rhythm and pitch of the spinning wheel which the mother and Tom-Tit-Tot treadled so skillfully.

Each story teller had her own individual approach yet all had mastered the art of putting the tale foremost and their touches as secondary embellishments. The festival deepened the ideas begun by Eulalie Steinmetz Ross in her speech "Give Tongue to Literature" at the Spring Institute. The fact that Margaret Joseph and Miriam Wessel have not been heard calls for another session at a M.L.A. Conference before too long. One feels that part of growth and change in Michigan will be the fulfillment of John Masefield's wish for more stories told by more tellers in more places everywhere.

Sarita Davis

D. Moreau Barringer

D. Moreau Barringer has a challenging assignment in talking about his book, *And The Waters Prevailed*. Years of research on the life of the early men in Europe as a leisure time pursuit preceded the writing of the story. His account of the geological history of the strip of land which formerly connected Europe and Africa at Gibraltar was most interesting. His disclosures dividing

the scientific facts from imaginary inventions derived from facts will be shared by listeners with the young people to whom they introduce the book. The validity of details given about Ice Age Life—the manhood hunt, the grim struggle for food and shelter needed no support, but hearing about them gives a reality which will heighten the appreciation of reading.

In the question and answer period and small after-luncheon group discussions, there was an opportunity to renew the feeling of respect for "Andor the Small" and his persistence, getting ready for flight to the mountains in front of the encroaching waters in spite of the ridicule and opposition of his fellow tribesmen.

It is a pleasure to have on the roster of Michigan visitors this author of a distinguished 1956 book.

Sarita Davis

Hospital

The human drive for recognition and its problems was the central theme of an address entitled, "Human Relations for a Hospital Librarian", presented before the Hospital Section, by Dr. A. A. Canfield, Associate Professor, Department of Management, Wayne State University. To some theorists no two persons are alike, individual differences are of prime importance and each human relation problem is unique. These individual differences are of less importance, according to Dr. Canfield, when one considers that all human beings have certain common basic needs, such as food, shelter, air, sleep and heat. Since these basic needs are provided with relative ease here in the United States, they, in turn, can be considered of minor importance in problems of human relations. It is the desire in the human being to be recognized that must be given priority in solving problems which arise in an organization or when serving the public.

The part played by religion in human relations was touched upon, and Dr. Canfield quoted the following couplet which stressed what he called our Christian obligation to consider our fellow man:

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We find in them what we bring.

Linda V. Ganley

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Symposium on Book Selection And Acquisition

If, as most academic librarians suspect, book selection is one of the most vital aspects in library development, the 1957 meeting of the College and University Library Section made a major contribution to Michigan academic libraries. Sister M. Claudia, Librarian, Marygrove College, is to be congratulated for the symposium which she arranged on book selection and acquisition.

The meeting was launched with a stimulating review of the selection process for the Michigan Undergraduate Library, by Rolland C. Stewart. Mr. Stewart, as head of the book selection department, University of Michigan, was in an excellent position to summarize the many steps taken to select some 54,000 volumes for the total undergraduate program at the University. This collection, which is expected to grow to 65,000 volumes in a few years, is distinguished by consisting of the best titles on all subjects.

In any undertaking of this magnitude, the cooperation of many people, and particularly the faculty, is solicited. The University of Michigan was no excep-

tion, and the faculty was given the responsibility of checking a large number of selection media. Mr. Stewart emphasized the point that without this assistance, and without the participation of the Order Department in acquiring the selected list, the Undergraduate Library would be far from reality.

The basic selection tool used in compiling the list was the catalogue of the Lamont Library at Harvard. Several copies of the catalogue were circulated among the faculty with instructions to check the titles desirable for the U. of M. program. A total count showed that 24,000 of the 39,000 titles in the Lamont catalogue were recommended. The remaining titles were selected from some 300 additional bibliographies, publishers' catalogs and by browsing in 60 antiquarian books. (About 10,000 volumes were acquired from this latter source.) One final step to be taken was to consider the 15,000 titles in the various undergraduate study halls at the University. Not only did this provide additional titles for the collection, but it also offered an opportunity to weed out those titles no longer needed for undergraduate use.

James Skipper, Assistant Librarian, Michigan State University, followed

Mr. Stewart with a discussion of a continuous book selection program. Skipper's remarks gave emphasis to one of Stewart's points that there is no scientific method in book selection; but rather, it is an art which should be disciplined, consistent, and reasonably circumscribed.

It was pointed out that in most institutions an acquisitions policy does not exist in written form. When a show of hands was asked for from those colleges having a written policy, not one appeared. Perhaps the problem is one of variables and pressures which exist on the campus today. Skipper made the point, however, that regardless of the lack of formalized policy, most colleges and universities have a program in varying degrees of sophistication and consistency.

The three possibilities of expediting the policy—faculty selection, library staff selection, and a combination of faculty-staff selection were discussed. A discussion of these possibilities led to the conclusion that a combination selection program—faculty cooperation with library staff responsibility—was best suited for most schools.

The remainder of Mr. Skipper's talk was concerned with the day-by-day selection program for a medium-sized university. He described the various selection media for current and retrospective publications. In addition to describing the tools of the book selection, Skipper placed each in proper perspective by discussing the role they played in a continuous book selection program.

The third aspect of the symposium—acquiring books from the foreign publishers—was considered in the remarks of Frank L. Schick, Bibliographer, Wayne State University. Mr. Schick's broad background and knowledge of the foreign book-trade permitted him to make many useful suggestions regarding the purchase of foreign materials.

After giving a statistical indication of the extent of the foreign book trade, Mr. Schick discussed various aspects of purchasing items from abroad. In addition to discussing the various dealers, it was pointed out that the format and binding of foreign publications vary according to regions.

The major problem of purchasing from foreign dealers—the out of print titles—was considered. Mr. Schick, at

the request of the Council of Library Resources, asked for an indication of interest in a system similar to T.A.A.B. for foreign publication. The response to the proposal was favorable and will be forwarded to the Council for further action.

At the close of the meeting an informal discussion was held regarding the acquisition of materials selected according to principles suggested by the speakers.

Richard Chapin

Dr. Paul Rankin

At the fifth general session Dr. Paul Rankin proved that poetry has a place in our everyday lives as a source of inspiration and enjoyment as well as books, TV and radio. He shared with us a variety of poems that are favorites of his. His selections included poems dealing with the everyday life of common people as depicted in "Oh Why Should the Spirit of Mortal Be Proud" by William Knox; "The Sonnet on Stewed Prunes" by William F. Kirk from a collection of lumberman rhymes; Walt Whitman's "Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking" and "Abraham Walks at Midnight" by Vachel Lindsay. His interpretation of a portion of Lindsay's "Congo" brought a hearty response from the audience.

Narrative poems, Irish folk lore and poems for pure entertainment from the past were presented as well as an original poem, written by his sister, entitled "Sputnik".

Proof that the "Old Masters" rank high with him was demonstrated by his reading of Milton's "Sonnet on His Blindness", "Sonnets 29 and 30" from Shakespeare, and the 103rd Psalm from the Bible.

Dr. Rankin also gave some helpful suggestions for getting children to read and enjoy poetry. First of all we must show our own enthusiasm for liking and reading poetry. Second, we should make it clear that nobody has to like poetry. We should use good judgment in the selection of poems to be read. They should fit the atmosphere or season. And it is best to start with poems that have universal appeal. To be really enjoyed poetry must be read aloud. Sometimes urging children to compose poetry is another way of stimulating interest, while another approach might be the use of recordings to arouse a taste for

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Gertrude Hale

Alden Dow

Alden Dow, internationally known architect and designer of some of Michigan's newest public library buildings, presented his philosophy of life and its interpretation into library functions. "As I See It, A Library Does This—" proved to be one of the most provocative sessions of the Conference.

Mr. Dow spoke up for the library as an oasis, with site, building, and library materials combined to "tickle the imagination." A trip to the library should be a family adventure, rather than a stop between the supermarket and the bank, according to Mr. Dow.

His "dream" library, a temple to the honesty, humility, and enthusiasm he invests in his designs, is a place for the individual to come for inspiration. That is the result of Mr. Dow's self analysis, which he administered before attempting to analyze the functions of a public library. In setting up a balance between the obligations of an individual to society and to himself, Mr. Dow feels that the library should be a place where the "finest potentialities of the individual come into blossom."

His lecture was illustrated with color slides of the libraries he designed for Midland, Ann Arbor, and Phoenix, Arizona. While answering questions after his lecture, Mr. Dow stated that libraries could be placed in shopping centers and still maintain his standards. Under those conditions the library should be built in a separate park area with a landscaped site. President Clover Flanders presented Mr. Dow with an honorary membership in MLA.

Mr. Dan Lacy of the American Book Publishers Council spoke briefly on the national promotion for National Library Week. Plans call for a sustained program of articles and publicity in national magazines and television networks, culminating in March, 1958. He pointed out that all this would be pointless without local support. He appealed to the membership to work with the MLA committee set up for that purpose.

Muriel Fuller, Wallace Bonk, and Bernard Oppeneer reported on their work in conference evaluation. Questionnaires were distributed and filled

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out. The results were to be turned over to the next Conference Chairman.

Norman Bunker

Library Cooperation — A Panel Discussion

The Seventh General Session was devoted to a panel discussion of the type of cooperation which needs no high-level planning or surveys, but which can take place at any time. The panel consisted of Miss Ruth Rutzen, Detroit, moderator, Miss Eleanor Burgess, Grand Rapids, Miss Norma Jones, Creston High School, Grand Rapids, Mrs. Louise Owens, Escanaba, Mrs. Goldie Nott, Ferris Institute, Ransom Richardson, Flint, Mrs. Madalyn Bradford, Van Buren County, and Herbert Mutschler, Wayne County.

Basic to any cooperation is that the potential cooperators get to know one another. This was illustrated by two groups which included only librarians, and one which involved trustees as well and tried to increase thinking in terms of wider service in line with the new standards.

Next came a discussion of actual instances of cooperation. Most common among these were agreements among various types of libraries in a given area as to fields of interest for which each would be responsible and as to the purchasing of more expensive items. Frequently this is also connected with giving service to patrons of the cooperating libraries. Other instances included a college library's administration of the Bar Association library, the joint training of children's assistants and the sponsoring of a book fair by a public and a county library, one city's union list of serials, including the special libraries, and a regional library's workshop with teacher-librarians to solve some of their common problems and encourage recruitment.

Cooperation can also take place on a more mechanical level: In one county pupils have recently started charging and discharging books in their classrooms, thus freeing the county library extension staff to give better service. This same county also tried cooperative cataloging with the independent libraries of the county, running off extra copies of cards for them. However, this did not prove entirely practical and at the moment only one library is buying the service—and this is a library which is

just being established.

While most of the instances of cooperation were brought out by the panel, a number were also mentioned from the floor. Included in the comments from the membership was a warning by Mrs. Fyan that in planning cooperative ventures each library should first study its functions. In commenting on Mrs. Fyan's remarks, the moderator noted that there were dangers if certain kinds of cooperation led to the transfer of proper service duties from one kind of library to another kind of library.

The general conclusions of the panel were that informal get-togethers are the first step in planning joint efforts, and that the latter help to improve services considerably.

Elizabeth Von Oettingen

Elizabeth Howard Mizner

At the Conference Luncheon on Saturday Miss Elizabeth Howard Mizner speaking on "Books for Young Adults—a Challenge", shared with us her experiences in writing for this age group over a period of years. She emphasized that the conference theme of growth and change was a constant process in books for young people. Books for this age group have developed from a small side line of titles intended to instill virtue and piety to a big business with over 1,000 titles published each year on a variety of themes. Today's problem for the youthful reader is not a limited supply of poor quality, but rather the many distracting interests which compete with books.

When writing, any author must do a great deal of general background research and constant checking on small details. But Miss Howard warned that background, no matter how interesting, shouldn't be allowed to load the book too heavily. Naming characters and choosing titles for books become greater problems as the author's books grow in number. Sometimes even the characters change during the writing, and she reported growing to like some characters she had greatly disliked at first.

Writing for young people is a privilege, not a training ground for writing for adults later, as many people seem to consider it. Since books without readers would be mere paper and ink Miss Howard mentioned the debt owed by writers to all those who help make the contacts between books and readers,

particularly librarians. "Who could ask for more than to have one's books loved so they are read and reread?"

Donna Perrine

Many, Many Thanks

The Michigan Library Association is most appreciative of the efforts, courtesies, and friendliness of the 1957 MLA Conference Committee which resulted in a superb conference with an all time high registration of 719.

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THANK YOU: all contributors to the December *Michigan Librarian*. This issue would have been impossible to do without your help. Your editor is very grateful.

RETIREES: Margaret L. Chapman, librarian, Coldwater Public Library after 29 years. One of the many fine contributions made by Miss Chapman is the excellent collection of 38,000 volumes. Mrs. M. P. Weiler, former school and county librarian will become the head librarian.

HONORARY MEMBER: noted architect, Alden Dow, Midland for his many contributions to the library field was presented with an honorary membership in M.L.A. at the 1957 Conference.

HONORED: Elizabeth Pomeroy, trustee of the Armada Public Library and former chief of the Library Section, U. S. Veteran Administration, at the convention of Association of Hospital and Institution Libraries, received a beautifully engraved citation for "her exceptional service to the hospital library movement in the United States for over a quarter of a century" and "her courage, devotion, great ability and leadership." She also received a silver tray with an inscription expressing the admiration and devotion of her colleagues.

DATE: January 17, Fr. Lowrie V. Daly, Pius XII Memorial Library, St. Louis University will present slides of the Vatican Film Library, Rome, at the Student Union, University of Detroit.

RECOGNITION: Miss Helga Herz, librarian in the Social Sciences Department, Detroit Public Library, was named the recipient of the \$1,000 Staff Memorial and Fellowship Award for 1957. This reward is presented annually by the DPL Staff to a librarian who, in the opinion of her fellow staff members, has shown outstanding ability and enthusiasm for her work.

RETIRED: Mrs. Elleine H. Stones, Chief of the Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library. A librarian for 38 years, Mrs. Stones has been

with D.P.L. since 1928 and Chief of the Collection since 1941. During this time, she received many honors including a certificate of merit in 1953 for her distinguished contribution to Michigan history and in 1955, the DPL's annual Staff Memorial and Fellowship Award.

GAIL CURTIS: Past President, M.L.A. (1925-26), honorary member, M.L.A., Head Reference Section, Michigan State Library, retires Dec. 1, after 43 years of devoted service to the state of Michigan.

WANTED: SUGGESTIONS FROM YOU

Nominating Committee plans meeting early in January. Your recommendations for nominees would be appreciated. Please send your suggestions to Mrs. Dorothy T. Hagerman, Chairman, Univ. of Michigan Extension Library, 143 Bostwick Ave., N.E., Grand Rapids 3, by January 6.

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Lost at the Conference

The envelope containing the pair of white gloves and postals from the Art Institute is now in the possession of the Ex-President. A 2c postal with an address will bring the package to the rightful owner. (The gloves are too big for me. Clover Flanders)

Recommended

The membership may be interested to know that the Conference Parliamentarian, Mrs. Melvin Schwackhamer, highly recommends for club use the following book on parliamentary law: Stevenson, Fred. G., *Pocket Primer of Parliamentary Procedure*, Boston, Houghton-Mifflin, 1952. \$1.

From Leland Stowe

(Conference Banquet Speaker)
"For Clover Flanders—with my thanks for a wonderful audience and time".

ALA

A mail vote of the membership of ALA has determined that ALA Headquarters shall remain in Chicago instead of being removed to Washington, D.C.

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The 1957 Christmas catalog features a selection of books dealing with the nation's development as suggested by the ALA. Sears tells its 8,000,000 home owners that their public library has most or all of the books shown and urges them to make full use of that fine public institute. Reprints can be obtained by writing to National Publicity Director, Sears Roebuck and Co., 925 S. Homan Avenue, Chicago 7, Illinois.

Friends of the Library

Much interest was shown by librarians in Friends of the Library groups and questions were asked concerning formation and activity of these groups. If you are interested, please let Clifford Wightman, MLA President know.

MLA Constitutional Amendments

These amendments published in the October *Michigan Librarian* were passed with the exception of the amendment concerning Nominations and Elections.

ALA Bulletin

Mr. Samry Smith, Editor of the *ALA Bulletin* is asking for suggestions and the type of criticism that will make for a better journal. If you have any suggestions concerning articles, subject matter, etc., please let him know. (Ed. note: same applies to the *Michigan Librarian*. Happy to hear from you.)

Hamtramck Public Library

Interesting things are happening at Hamtramck. The Public Library is presenting a series of art exhibits by both amateur and professional in all recognized art fields. Although the emphasis will be on local people, individuals or art groups residing within the Metropolitan area are cordially invited to use the Library's Auditorium as a gallery.

In addition to the emphasis on art, November's Book Week had three major adult events planned and co-sponsored by the *Citizen's*, Hamtramck's local newspaper, the Chrysler Corporation-Dodge Division and a special Joseph Conrad Centennial program sponsored by the metropolitan Friends of Polish Art.

Trustees' Corner

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From Your State Chairman

Once a year, as trustees, we have an opportunity to get together at the annual conference held this year in Detroit with Trustee Day on Friday October 25th. We were very pleased at the number of trustees and friends who attended our meeting; and especially the librarians who took time from their own busy program to attend our luncheon and meeting.

We received a wonderful message from Dr. Charles McKenzie of Mt. Pleasant, Chairman of District 5. With

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Adult Education Progress Report

Muriel Fuller

Activity Continues in Muskegon Project

In September the Planning Committee of the Muskegon Library Community Project finished its work and prepared a report outlining the educational needs of adults which had been discovered in Muskegon. In addition the committee made one recommendation which will be considered by the adult education agencies and the Muskegon Citizens' Committees at a meeting in November. The recommendation was for the formation of a continuing committee or a council for the Greater Muskegon Area which will be formed to coordinate the adult education resources of the community so they may be used more effectively to meet the educational needs revealed by the LCP Community Study.

For over a year Citizens' Committees have been actively engaged in gathering information about Muskegon itself. They used various resources such as census data, interviews with adult education agency heads, questionnaire which was sent to 175 voluntary organizations and the knowledge of the community which the citizens themselves have.

After the compilation of data was complete, the Planning Committee translated the community needs into educational needs of various kinds.

If the recommendation of the Planning Committee is accepted by the agencies and organizations, the framework for expanding the present adult education program in Muskegon will have been provided. The library will fit itself into the program in the way which will make the best use of the library's materials and staff.

Haven Hill Conference on Adult Education

On October 14 and 15 a conference sponsored by the Library Community Project on the "Training Needs of Librarians in Adult Education" was held at Haven Hill. Twenty-six librarians from communities where the library serves 25,000 or more people were the participants. Serving as resource people were Mrs. Grace Stevenson, Deputy Executive Secretary, ALA; Dr. Lester Asheim, Graduate Library School, University of Chicago; Dr. Robert Smith, Community Services in Adult Education, Indiana University; Dr. Howard McClusky, University of Michigan; Eleanor Phinney, Executive Secretary, Adult Services Division, ALA. In addition, Dr. Rudolph Gjelsness and Dr. Wallace Bonk, Department of Library Science, University of Michigan and Miss Louise LeFevre, Department of Librarianship, Western Michigan University represented the Michigan library schools which are offering training for librarians working in public libraries.

The purpose of the conference was to give the library administrators of the state a chance to discuss with library school educators needs that they have as far as training people for work in adult education are concerned. Both training for professional jobs and in-service training of people on the job were considered. The resources for training already available in the state were described by Dr. McClusky, Mrs. Fyan, Dr. Gjelsness and Miss LeFevre. With this background the librarians made recommendations for programs and activities which they would like to see planned and put into action in Michigan. Specific plans for carrying out the suggestions will be announced later.

School and Children's Workshops

St. Mary's Lake

Highlighting the conference theme, "Growth and Change—The Challenge," was the talk given on Saturday afternoon by Professor Marie M. Hostetter of the University of Illinois Library School. Miss Hostetter, whose book on the selection of children's books will be published soon, emphasized the desirability of adults' becoming keenly aware of children's amazing capacity for imagination. She pointed out that from research one can gain insight into the nature of this imagination. Among its functions, she reported, are enjoyment and play, interpretation, guidance in action, creative thinking, and anxiety, which serves as stimulus. Children's literature offers them many opportunities for developing their imagination and otherwise enriching their experiences. In concluding her talk Miss Hostetter displayed examples from her extensive collection of textiles depicting characters and scenes from children's literature.

Dr. Horace Hartsell of the Audio-Visual Center, Michigan State University, discussed and demonstrated various audio-visual aids. Among these was the Weston Woods film "Stone Soup", an example of films made from children's books.

Selected elementary books were presented by Mrs. Florence Affholder of the Michigan State Library, junior high school titles were discussed by Bernard L. Oppenheer of the Kalamazoo Public Library, and senior high school books and some problems in their selection were presented by Mrs. Margaret Savery of Ann Arbor High School.

Two recently-produced films, "Let's Visit School Libraries," and "The Carpet Under Every Classroom", were shown to the conference group, and recordings for children, from the Detroit Public Library's collection, were available for individual and group listening.

In the afternoon the conference program came to an end with a panel and group discussion of problems connected with the work of student library assist-

ants and other problems mentioned by individuals in the audience. Mrs. Ruth Kerkoff of Royal Oak, Leona Hough of the Wyandotte Public School Libraries, Hazel Brown, Librarian of the Longfellow School, Royal Oak, and Mrs. Isabella Sullivan, Librarian of the Ottawa Hills High School, Grand Rapids, were members of the panel which was chaired by Lucille Prange, Director of School Libraries, East Grand Rapids.

In addition to the book exhibits provided by the book discussion leaders, there were library recruitment materials displayed by the Michigan State Library and an exhibit furnished by the University of Michigan Extension Library. The latter included pamphlet and other information on conservation, careers, youth problems, and handicrafts.

Librarians serving as consultants at the Institute were Miss Hostetter, Alice Louise LeFevre of the Department of Librarianship, Western Michigan College, Laura B. Long, Children's Librarian, Midland Public Library, and Chairman of the MLA section sponsoring the conference, Elinor Yungmeyer, School Library Consultant, Michigan State Library, Hazel M. Brown, and Donna Perrine, Librarian, Sexton High School, Lansing, and Vice-Chairman of the School and Children's Section.

Members of the Institute Committee were Mrs. Thelma Campbell, Chairman; Dorothea Butts of the Willard Library, Battle Creek, Shirley Miller of the Kalamazoo Public Library, and Joyce B. Pleune of the Kent County Library, in charge of registration; Mrs. Mildred Adams of Sturgis and Elinor Yungmeyer, responsible for exhibits; and Ann Correvont of Grand Ledge High School, Rachel Fenske of the Ingham County Library, and Doris Sutherland, Elementary School Librarian, Lansing, in charge of publicity. Mary Gaboda, Children's Librarian, Grosse Pointe Public Library, served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Section which sponsored the Institute.

Edna Ballard Mack

Rose City

Helen Cloutier, librarian and author of Escanaba, was the featured speaker at the northeastern meeting for teacher-librarians sponsored by the Michigan Library Association School and Children's Section. Her talk was autobiographical, and covered highlights in her experiences as radio amateur, from beginnings in a high school club in 1929 until the present. The 1957 M. L. A. theme for its conferences "Growth and Change, The Challenge" was made most dramatic in this pioneer field. Her listeners received the quiet thrill which is aroused by a person whose career is a part of a larger history. Mrs. Cloutier has mastered each new skill required of a class "A" radio operator, and acquired radio receiving and sending sets of increasing power and range. She talks with people on five continents, islands, and ships at sea. She shared some of her cleverly designed club membership certificates and station greeting cards which ham radio operators exchange. While much of her experience is social, occasionally the amateur operator can help people who need to communicate more rapidly than is possible by telephone or telegraph. Plans for carrying messages in times of emergency are reassuring. In her two books, *Sim Barton, Girl Radio Operator* and *Isle Royal Calling*, young readers of high school age can find inspiration for making this rewarding hobby their own.

Jerry Lewandowski and Robert Tuletske of the Rogers High School Radio Club told of activities of their club for producing radio programs. Their best productions have been broadcast over Station WHAK, with the cooperation of Mr. Robert Shurts, Announcer for the station. They produce skits on a regular schedule over the school public address system. The playing of tapes added real humor to the program besides showing what high school actors can do.

The library administration features were emphasized in the morning session and in the concluding problem clinic. The first speaker, Florence Hazlett, Librarian of Midland High School, outlined the essentials for creating and maintaining the Information File. She emphasized awareness of school needs, acquiring material to meet these needs and to stimulate new interests in the faculty and students. She pointed out

the steps in organization, and the procedures for withdrawing outmoded pictures and pamphlets. A display of up to date materials made clear her advice on selection and the mimeographed brochure distributed will be a helpful reminder in building up collections in the local libraries.

For those interested in elementary schools, and helping with special training of baby sitters, the topic, *Illustrated Stories for Little Folks* was developed by Sarita Davis, Librarian, University Elementary School, Ann Arbor. She pointed out that today there are picture books for every taste, and displayed a wide variety of different styles of art which bring to life the texts of stories of many types and informational books on various subjects. She also brought reference books on illustration and examples of early pictures to show the long and distinguished history of the children's picture book in the realm of the printed book.

The Problem Clinic was conducted as a panel quiz program. Hazel Brown, Librarian of Longfellow School, Royal Oak, Donna Perrine, Librarian of Sexton High School, Lansing, Elinor Yungmeyer, School Library Consultant, Michigan State Library, with the two morning speakers, both answered questions raised by members of the audience on relations between the librarian and teachers in helping students toward the wise use of books and asked some themselves in order to bring into focus the special services of schools in that area.

Laura B. Long, Children's Librarian of the Dow Memorial Public Library, brought greetings from M. L. A. and talked briefly about the aims of the School and Children's Section. She introduced the incoming chairman, Donna Perrine of Sexton High School, Lansing.

Time was allowed for leisurely browsing of the exhibits of pamphlets and new books furnished by the Michigan State Library. Books included in the new selection aid, *Book Bait*, by Elinor Walker, were special features of this display.

On the committee responsible for these arrangements were Mrs. Rose Stevens, Librarian, Cheboygan High School, Miss Katherine Kade, Librarian, Presque Isle County Library and Mr. Herman Haneckow, Librarian, Rogers City High School who acted as chairman.

Sarita Davis

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M.L.A. Conference Resolutions

(PREPARED BY CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE AND APPROVED
BY MEMBERSHIP, OCTOBER 25, 1957)

Resolution No. 1 — State Aid

Whereas it is now evident that proper development of adequate public library service throughout Michigan cannot be achieved by placing reliance upon local resources exclusively, and

Whereas many sparsely settled regions of the State do not now possess the means of supporting adequate public library service, and

Whereas the rapid shift of population in metropolitan regions has brought into existence newly built-up communities without adequate public library facilities, and

Whereas it is the historic function of the State to encourage and support adequate public library service in all areas of the State,

Be it resolved, that the Michigan Library Association, representing more than 1600 librarians, library trustees, and friends of libraries, urge the Governor and the Legislature to appropriate no less than \$700,000 for State aid for libraries for the fiscal year 1958-59.

Be it further resolved that the secre-

tary be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor, each member of the Administrative Board and each legislator.

Resolution No. 2 — Minimum Standards

Whereas the American Library Association has recently adopted new standards for public library service in America, as set forth in *Public Library Service — A Guide to Evaluation with Minimum Standards*, A.L.A., 1956, and

Whereas the Executive Board of the Michigan Library Association has approved those standards in principle, and

Whereas the basic objective of the new standards is to improve library service by encouraging the formation of systems of libraries and the coordination of services among all types of libraries,

Be it resolved that the Michigan Library Association urge the libraries and librarians of Michigan to publicize

these standards and to study and evaluate them, with particular reference to their applicability to library service in Michigan.

Resolution No. 3 — Federal Aid

Whereas freedom and equality of access to knowledge are indispensable to the preservation and progress of a democratic society, and

Whereas the Congress of the United States, by the enactment of the Library Services Act of 1956, has recognized the vital importance of library service to all the people, and

Whereas the Library Services Act authorizes an annual appropriation of \$7,500,000 for the extension of public library service to rural areas hitherto without library service or with inadequate library service, and

Whereas approximately 940,000 citizens of the State of Michigan are without local Library service, and

Whereas the full appropriation authorized by the Library Services Act is essential to the accomplishment of the purposes of the Act, therefore

Be it resolved that, the Michigan Library Association, representing more than 1600 librarians, library trustees, and friends of libraries, at its Annual Conference at Detroit, on October 25, 1957, respectfully submits to the Michigan delegation in Congress its profound gratitude for past support of the Library Services Act, and its urgent request for vigorous support of the full appropriation of \$7,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959.

Be it further resolved that the secretary be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to each member of the Michigan delegation at an appropriate time during the second session of the 85th Congress.

Resolution No. 4 — State Library Building

Whereas the proper functioning of adequate state-wide library service in Michigan requires that the Michigan State Library have quarters suitable to its needs, and

Whereas the Michigan State Library is now seriously handicapped in its functioning by totally unsuitable quarters, and

Whereas the program and activities of the Michigan State Library require a minimum of 80,000 square feet of floor space, therefore

Be it resolved, that the Michigan Library Association, an organization of more than 1600 librarians, library trustees, and friends of libraries, urge that the erection of the new state office building and State Library in Lansing be begun at once, and that the entire floor space of the wing to be called the State Library be assigned to the exclusive use of the Michigan State Library.

Be it further resolved that the secretary be instructed to convey copies of this resolution to appropriate state officials.

Resolution No. 5 — Trustees

Whereas adequate library service for all of the people of America is vitally and increasingly essential to the preservation and progress of our democratic society, and

Whereas, the members of the governing boards of the public libraries of Michigan have contributed effectively to the development and maintenance of public library service to the people of the state, and

Whereas our trustees' contribution has often required a high order of statesmanship, vision, imagination, courage and unselfish dedication,

Be it resolved, that the Michigan Library Association at its Annual Conference in Detroit, on October 25, 1957, offer to all of the governing boards of the public libraries of Michigan, and to all individual trustees, its respectful and admiring tribute for their leadership, their support and their devotion.

Be it further resolved, that the secretary be directed to convey a copy of this resolution to the officers of the Trustees Section.

Resolution No. 6 — Operation Library

Whereas the Michigan Library Association, representing the librarians, library trustees, and all friends of libraries in Michigan, is vitally concerned with the development of adequate library service for all the citizens of Michigan and

Whereas the development of such service requires the continuing and active support of the people of Michigan, and

Whereas the Junior Chamber of Commerce has made and is making an

important contribution to public understanding and public support of the objectives and services of libraries, by means of its program known as "Operation Library",

Be it resolved that the Michigan Library Association at its Annual Conference, October 25, 1957, at Detroit, express its enthusiastic thanks to the officers and members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce for their sponsorship of "Operation Library".

Be it further resolved that the continued cooperation of the Michigan Library Association be offered to all appropriate officials of the Junior Chamber of Commerce on national, state and local levels.

Be it further resolved that each library in the State be directed to cooperate to the utmost of its ability with the Junior Chamber of Commerce in this project.

Be it further resolved that the secretary be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each appropriate official of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Resolution No. 7 — National Library Week

Whereas the Nation Book Committee, in cooperation with the American Library Association and numerous other citizens' organizations, business and professional groups and voluntary associations, have designated the week of March 16-22, 1958 as the first National Library Week, and

Whereas National Library Week will direct the attention of the American people to the purposes, programs, services and needs of libraries, by means of press, radio, television and other media of communication, at national, state and local levels, and will increase public understanding and public support of library services, and

Whereas the success of National Library Week will depend, in large measure, upon local planning and local action, therefore

Be it resolved, that the Michigan Library Association, at its Annual Conference in Detroit, on October 25, 1957, urge every member and every friend of libraries in the State to participate actively and aggressively in the planning and prosecution of a local program which makes full use of all of the resources of the community which can contribute to the success of the program.

Resolution No. 8 — Recruiting

Whereas, freedom and equality of access to knowledge are indispensable to the preservation and progress of a democratic society, and

Whereas, libraries and library service are essential to free and equal access to knowledge, and

Whereas, the libraries of America cannot successfully perform their vital social function without an adequate supply of trained professional librarians, and

Whereas, there exists an acute shortage of trained librarians in Michigan and in America, therefore

Be it resolved that the Michigan Library Association, at its annual Conference at Detroit, on October 25, 1957, strongly urges its membership and invites all educational and vocational counselors within the state to help guide into the profession of librarianship qualified and potentially interested young men and women.

Be it further resolved that the secretary be instructed to employ appropriate means to bring this resolution to the attention of educational administrators and counselors within the State.

(NEWS and VIEWS continued)

his ready wit and infectious humor he convinced all who heard him that it is a privilege to work as a trustee and he brought out his ideas of the service it is possible to give to our respective communities.

Mrs. Hoffman, your retiring chairman, gave a very good report, with over four hundred trustees as members of M. L. A. We are anxious to have more trustees join M. L. A. so that they, and their libraries, too, can benefit from sharing ideas to better their library, because as trustees we have one common purpose—to improve our libraries and their services to the people in our communities.

As your new trustee chairman I hope to be of service to you and will do my best to carry on the work in the trustee section so ably done by Mrs. Hoffman.

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